

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with the listing of claims as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A processor-implemented method for electronic trading comprising:

presenting a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

at least one option quote area for presenting a plurality of option quotes;

an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders selected from the presented plurality of option quotes; and

a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders, wherein each multiple simultaneous option order is individually configurable as a buy or sell;

receiving via a processor a user selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

automatically populating at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent option orders corresponding to user-selected option quotes prior to simultaneous order placement;

iteratively receiving a user selection and automatically populating the option order input area until the submit user control is activated;

retrieving user preferred order placement parameters from a database;

configuring the selected option orders with the retrieved user preferred order placement parameters; and

placing the configured ~~selected~~ option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

16-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[Claim]] claim 15, wherein presenting at least one option quote area comprises:

receiving numbers of option quotes to present in the presented option quote areas; and

presenting option quotes in the presented option quote areas based on the numbers received for the corresponding option quote areas.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[Claim]] claim 15, wherein presenting at least one option quote area comprises:

receiving strike prices above and/or below a particular strike price for which option quotes are presented in option quote areas; and

presenting option quotes associated with the strike prices above and/or below the particular strike price in option quote areas.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[Claim]] claim 20, wherein the particular strike price is equal to a current price of a security underlying the option.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[Claim]] claim 15, wherein presenting at least one option quote area comprises:

determining one of a plurality of brightness levels of a color wherein a level of brightness is based on a difference between a strike price of an option quote and a price of a security underlying the presented option quote;

presenting the option quote in association with the one of a plurality of brightness levels;

presenting the option quote in association with the color.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[Claim]] claim 15, wherein presenting at least one option quote area comprises:

determining an option exchange associated with an option quote;

determining a color associated with the option exchange; and

presenting the option quote in association with the color.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a plurality of processor-executable directives, the directives comprising instructions to:

present a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

at least one option quote area for presenting a plurality of option quotes;

an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders selected from the presented plurality of option quotes; and

a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders, wherein each multiple simultaneous option order is individually configurable as a buy or sell;

receive a user selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

automatically populate at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent option orders corresponding to user-selected option quotes prior to simultaneous order placement;

iteratively receive a user selection and automatically populate the option order input area until the submit user control is activated;

retrieve user preferred order placement parameters from a database;

configure the selected option orders with the retrieved user preferred order placement parameters; and

place the retrieved selected option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

25-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The medium according to [[Claim]] claim 24, wherein the instruction to present at least one option quote area comprises instructions to:

receive strike prices above and/or below a particular strike price for which option quotes are presented in option quote areas; and

present option quotes associated with the strike prices above and/or below the particular strike price in option quote areas.

28. (Currently Amended) The medium according to [[Claim]] claim 27, wherein the particular strike price is equal to a current price of a security underlying the option.

29. (Currently Amended) An electronic trading apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device in communication with the processor and storing instructions issuable by the processor to:

present a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:

at least one option quote area for presenting a plurality of option quotes;

an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders selected from the presented plurality of option quotes; and

a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders, wherein each multiple simultaneous option order is individually configurable as a buy or sell;

receive a user selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

automatically populate at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent option orders corresponding to user-selected option quotes prior to simultaneous order placement;

iteratively receive a user selection and automatically populate the option order input area until the submit user control is activated;

retrieve user preferred order placement parameters from a database;

configure the selected option orders with the retrieved user preferred order placement parameters; and

place the retrieved ~~selected~~ option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

30-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to [[Claim]] claim 29, wherein the instruction to present at least one option quote area comprises instructions to:
- receive strike prices above and/or below a particular strike price for which option quotes are presented in option quote areas; and
 - present option quotes associated with the strike prices above and/or below the particular strike price in option quote areas.
33. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to [[Claim]] claim 32, wherein the particular strike price is equal to a current price of a security underlying the option.
34. (Currently Amended) An enhanced option trading system comprising:
- an option server for receiving option quote information and for transmitting option quote information; and
 - a client device in communication with the option server, the client device configured to:
 - present a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface comprising:
 - at least one option quote area for presenting a plurality of option quotes;
 - an order entry area comprising input areas for inputting two or more option orders selected from the presented plurality of option quotes; and
 - a submit user control to facilitate simultaneously placing multiple option orders, wherein each multiple simultaneous option order is individually configurable as a buy or sell;

receive a user selection of one of the presented plurality of option quotes for order placement;

automatically populate at least one of the input areas of the order entry area with attributes of first and subsequent option orders corresponding to user-selected option quotes prior to simultaneous order placement;

iteratively receive a user selection and automatically populate the option order input area until the submit user control is activated;

retrieve user preferred order placement parameters from a database;

configure the selected option orders with the retrieved user preferred order placement parameters; and

place the retrieved ~~selected~~ option orders simultaneously when the submit user control is activated.

35-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The system according to [[Claim]] claim 34, wherein the client device receives strike prices above and/or below a particular strike price for which option quotes are presented in option quote areas, and presents option quotes associated with the strike prices above and/or below the particular strike price in option quote areas.

38. (Currently Amended) The method according to [[Claim]] claim 15, further comprising presenting in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes

39. (Currently Amended) The medium according to [[Claim]] claim 24, wherein the directives further comprise instructions to present in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes.
40. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to [[Claim]] claim 29, wherein the storage device further stores instructions to present in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes.
41. (Currently Amended) The system according to [[Claim]] claim 34, wherein the client device is further configured to present in the graphical user interface attributes of the plurality of presented option quotes.